

# T-ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear "T" Association Members,

The board of directors had a board meeting on August 3. Because of reduced interest rates, the "T" Association endowment did not generate sufficient interest for a dividend. As a result, we lost the capability for revenue to help support the "T" Association. In the past, the interest earning from the endowment provided us about \$4,500 on an annual basis. In spite of our economy, we continue to receive donations that are well on their way to covering out "T" Association operating costs. Please note the list of contributors in this newsletter. We would like for this list to grow to a point that it would require a full page to publish. If your name is not on this list, the board would like to encourage all "T" Association member to contribute any amount you feel comfortable with. A "T" Association donation form is included in this newsletter for your use.

The board has several improvement projects that could be accomplished if the contributions reach a level above our annual operating cost. One of the projects at the top of our list is to establish an "All-American Recognition Area" to recognize athletes who were selected to All-American teams while participating at Texas State. The board feels this is a great way to recognize former athletic alumni who performed at the highest level in their sport. We certainly want to make this special area that is of high quality. With the support of our members we believe this is a project that we can pursue.

Let me encourage you to mark your calendars for the weekend of March 6th and join us for our "T" Association Spring Weekend as we honor the 50-year anniversary of the 1960 Men's Basketball National Championship Team. We want to encourage all "T" Association members to join us during this fun weekend, more details to come soon.

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### 2009-2010 Men's Basketball Schedule

12/19/09	@ DePaul	1:00 p.m.
12/29/09	Texas Lutheran	7:00 p.m.
01/02/10	SMU	4:00 p.m.
01/05/10	Oklahoma Panhandle	7:00 p.m.
01/09/10	@ UT Arlington	7:00 p.m.
01/13/10	A&M Corpus Christi	7:00 p.m.
01/16/10	Central Arkansas	4:00 p.m.
01/20/10	@ Sam Houston State	7:00 p.m.
01/23/10	@ Lamar	7:05 p.m.
01/27/10	UTSA	7:00 p.m.
01/30/10	UTA	2:00 p.m.
02/03/10	@ Southeastern Louisiana	7:00 p.m.
02/06/10	McNeese State	4:00 p.m.
02/10/10	@ A&M Corpus Christi	7:00 p.m.
02/13/10	Lamar	4:00 p.m.
02/20/10	@ Nicholls	2:00 p.m.
02/24/10	Stephen F. Austin	7:00 p.m.
02/27/10	@ Northwestern State	2:00 p.m.
03/03/10	@ UTSA	7:00 p.m.
03/06/10	Sam Houston	4:00 p.m.
03/10/10	Southland Conference Tournament	

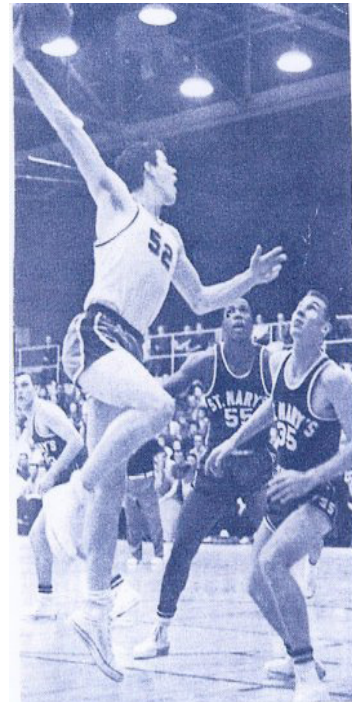
### 2009-2010 Women's Basketball Schedule

12/18/09	@UTEP	7:05 p.m.
12/20/09	Our Lady of The Lake	1:00 p.m.
01/02/09	@Baylor	7:00 p.m.
01/09/10	UT Arlington	4:00 p.m.
01/13/10	@A&M Corpus Christi	7:00 p.m.
01/16/10	@Central Arkansas	2:00 p.m.
01/20/10	Sam Houston St.	7:00 p.m.
01/23/10	Lamar	4:00 p.m.
01/27/10	@UTSA	7:00 p.m.
01/30/10	@UT Arlington	4:00 p.m.
02/03/10	Southeastern Louisiana	7:00 p.m.
02/06/10	@McNeese State	4:00 p.m.
02/10/10	A&M Corpus Christi	7:00 p.m.
02/13/10	@Lamar	2:05 p.m.
02/18/09	Nicholls	7:00 p.m.
02/24/10	@Stephen F. Austin	7:00 p.m.
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### *Save the Date*

"T" Association Spring Weekend  
 March 5th and 6th, 2010  
 Help us celebrate the  
 50- year anniversary  
 of the 1960 Men's Basketball NAIA  
 National Championship Team.  
 More information to come soon!



Charlie Sharp, Little All-American, hooks one in against St. Mary's in District 4 playoffs.

"Southwest Texas has the best defense we've ever met."

"Charles Sharp has the finest hook shot I've ever seen by any basketball player."

"Rudy Davalos—one of the greatest feeders and floormen in college basketball."

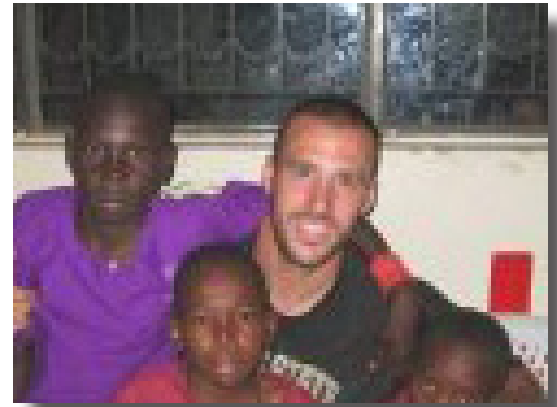
—All from Johnny Melendon,  
 Coach, Tennessee A&I



## “T” ASSOCIATION NEWS



Left: Claude Mathis played football at Southwest Texas State University where he still holds records for single season rushing yards (1595) and career rushing yards (4,691). He currently coaches football at Desoto High school, this will be Coach Mathis' 11th year of coaching.



Above: Lance Burroughs, recently pictured on a mission trip in Uganda, is a former Texas State Basketball player. He currently coaches for Liberty Christian High School in Dallas, Texas.



Above: Former Texas State pitcher Josh Walter, is currently pitching for the class A Great Lakes Loons of the Los Angeles Dodgers organization. Walter's went 10-4 in the 2009 season with 113 strike outs.



Above: Former Texas State Women's Golfers, Liz (McCoppin) Gerth (left), and Anissa Thompson (right) enjoy watching a round of Bobcat golf together. Liz is currently working for USAA in San Antonio, and Anissa is currently employed with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in San Antonio.



Left: Mark Salter is a former Athletic Trainer for Texas State, class of 85'. He is currently the Head Athletic Trainer at Hendrickson High school.

## 2009 HALL OF HONOR CLASS

Paul Borreson, Bob Hackney and Tim Staskus were inducted this past November into the “T” Association Hall of Honor.



Paul Borreson played basketball for the Bobcats from 1977-1979, earning two letters as a student athlete. Borreson was a member of both the 1977-1978 and 1978-1979 Lone Star Conference Championship Basketball teams, and was an instrumental in the success of both teams. Paul was named 6th man of the year for the 1978-1979 team, playing a key role on a team which advanced to the National NAIA Semi-Finals that same year. Borreson was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and graduated from SWT with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Borreson has been involved in the success of the “T” Association as both a former Board of Director and tireless volunteer since his graduation. His giving back to Texas State Athletics dates back over 30 years, and his presence, commitment, service and enthusiasm for his alma mater has been unheralded.

Borreson currently serves as a Regional Manager for Brown Distributing in Austin. In his capacity as liaison with Texas State, Borreson has spearheaded one of the longest and most productive partnerships in the history of Bobcat Athletics.

Borreson currently resides in Mountain City with his wife Dianne, son Colin and daughters Brookelynn and Jillian.

Tim Staskus was a member of the Bobcat Football team from 1980-1983, earning four letters as a student athlete while helping the Bobcats win two national championships. Staskus was named First Team All-Lone Star Conference in both 1982 and 1983 for his play at the linebacker position. He gained Kodak All-American honors in 1982 and 1983 and was also a member of the 1982 Associated Press Little All-American Team. Staskus was named 1982 All-Lone Star Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was named to the All-Lone Star Conference Academic Team twice. Staskus was a two time JC Kellam Award winner and twice named the SWT Bobcat Club Defensive Football Player of the Year. He also earned the Erwin 50 Yards Award and the Lone Star Conference Award for top defensive and outstanding lineman.

Since his graduation from SWT with a degree in psychology, Staskus has received the Texas State 1996 Department of Geography- Distinguished Service Award, the 1998 Department of Geography Distinguished Alumni Award, the 2004 Department of Geography Outstanding Service Award, and the 2008 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni Award.

Tim and his siblings have established a scholarship in the Geology department in memory of their father, Phillip A. Staskus, with Tim donating over \$20,000 to the endowment. His sister Patricia and his brother Chuck both also attend Southwest Texas State.

Tim currently resides in Chandler, Arizona with his wife Lynn and is employed with Anheuser-Busch as Senior Accounts manager .



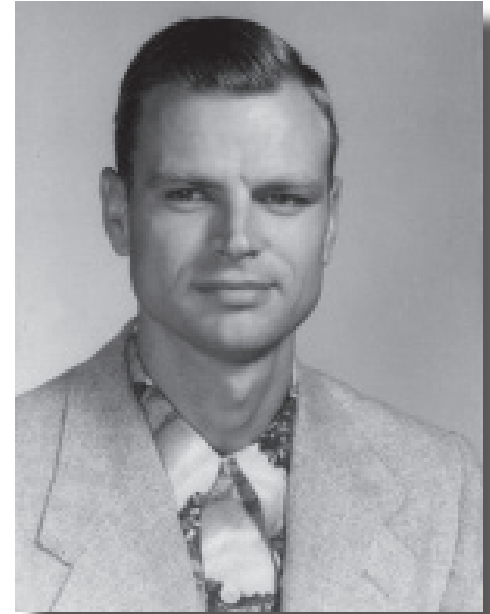
Bob Hackney was a member of the Track and Field program for the Bobcats from 1947-1948 earning two letters as a student athlete. Hackney placed first in the 1948 Lone Star Conference high jump, setting a school record at the time that stood between 1948 and 1958. Hackney also was a member of the 1947 Sprint Medley Relay team that placed first at the Drake Relays, setting another school record, with a time that stood for over 10 years.

Hackney originally enrolled at SWT in 1943, but was called to serve his country as a member of the United States Marine Core. After 4 years of service he re-enrolled at Southwest Texas State. After his graduation with both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Education, Hackney continued his military career as a Marine Core Lieutenant. In 1950 he was wounded in action at the Chosen Reservoir, 40 miles from the Yalu River in North Korea. After serving his country, Hackney spent 34 years as a teacher and coach for the Brazos Port Independent School District. He is also co-owner of Buccaneer Apartments and past President of the Brazos Port Teachers Credit Union.

Hackney is a 60 year member of the American Legion VFW Purple Heart Disabled Vets organization, served as Commander of the Caldwell, TX VFW Post 4458 for four years, chaplain of the American Legion Lake Jackson Post and Board Member at First National Bank of Lake Jackson.

Hackney has lifetime gifts to Texas State totaling over \$165,000, ranging from sport specific gifts to the Hackney Family scholarship endowment.

Hackney currently resides in Clute, TX, with his wife of 62 years, Bobcat alumna Betty M. Hackney. There are three generations of Bobcats in the Hackney family, including Betty's mother Nora Jordan who attended Southwest Texas Normal College in the early 1900's. Bob and Betty have two sons, Gary, who is married to Bobcat alumna Ruth Ann, and Greg. The Hackney's have two grandsons, Carl Daniel and Clint.



If a "T" member would like to nominate a "T" member for the Hall of Honor, please contact Don Coryell at [dc32@txstate.edu](mailto:dc32@txstate.edu)

Eligibility requirements: Athlete must have graduated and be at least 10 years removed from last year of athletic competition to be eligible for the Hall of Honor.



# TEXAS STATE JERSEY RETIREMENT



Any person may nominate in writing, any eligible former Texas State athletic alumni for jersey retirement.

Candidates will be reviewed every third year (beginning in January 2010) by the department of athletics retiring of athletic jersey committee. Applications are due by January 1st of each review year to the Jersey Retirement Committee.

The retirement of an athletic jersey is a University honor which is bestowed upon athletes for extraordinary athletic performance. For a list of criteria, policy, committee members and more, fill out the nomination form by going to the following link.

<http://www.txstate.edu/tassociation/retiredjerseynominationform.pdf>

The Texas State University System Board of Regents are: Ron Blatchley (Chairman)-Bryan/College Station, Trisha S. Pollard (Vice-Chairman)-Bellaire, Charles Amato-San Antonio, Kevin J. Lilly-Houston, Ron Mitchell-Horseshoe Bay, David Montagne-Beaumont, Michael Truncala-Beaumont, Greg Wilkinson-Dallas, Donna N. Williams-Arlington. William Patterson-Studnet Regent and Chancellor Dr. Charles R. Matthews.

# 1963 FOOTBALL REUNION

The 1963 Football team was invited back to campus on November 13th and 14th for a weekend of events to celebrate their undefeated season.

Players participated in a Friday evening dinner on the new Champions Club level at the Jerry D. and Linda Gregg Fields West Side Bobcat Stadium complex, and were recognized at half time of the Bobcat Football game vs. McNeese State.



## CATCHING UP WITH “THE POLISH POWER”

Joe Bednarski played football for the Bobcats from 1961-1964. After a foot injury left him unable to continue his football career, Bednarski found wrestling as an alternative and forged a career as a superstar under the name “Ivan Putski”. Nicknamed the “Polish Power”, Ivan was a WWF World Tag Team Champion and was inducted into the 1995 WWF Hall of Fame.

We caught up with the Polish Power during the 1963 Football Team Reunion this past November.

### *Q’s and A’s With Ivan Putski:*

- 1) What was your favorite part of the 1963 Reunion?  
“Just seeing the guys, it was great to reunite with them”
- 2) What did you enjoy most about playing football for Texas State?  
”Coach Jowers, I have much respect for him”
- 3) Who is your all time favorite tag team partner?  
“Cowboy Bobby Duncan”
- 4) Who is you all time favorite opponent?  
“Super Star Billy Graham”
- 5) What was your all time favorite match?  
“WWF Tag Team Championship at Madison Square Garden where Tito Santana and I won against the Samoans. “
- 6) What is one thing most people don’t know about you?  
“My family and I were in the Nazi Labor Camp in WWII”
- 7) Who would you rather face, Hulk Hogan or Andre the Giant?  
“Hulk Hogan any day; I beat him several times when he was new to the WWF”



Check out Ivan in action here versus “Iron” Mike Sharp: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6\\_1Hh7HBHM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6_1Hh7HBHM)



Left: Ivan Putski along with his 1963 Football teammates.

# REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The past six months have been very active in regards to my role as Executive Director of the “T” Association. Thanks in large part to the vision of our Board of Directors we have implemented events that our athletic alumni have been interested in attending, and have employed ideas that will help with the continued growth of our organization.

These events started this past spring with the Roast of Vernon McDonald, and continued into the fall with a reunion weekend held in the honor of our 1963 undefeated Bobcat Football team. We also continued to see an increase in the attendance of our athletic alumni in the Bill Miller Room during all of our home football games, and the attendance at our November tailgate party was outstanding! This year’s Hall of Honor event was again a great night for the “T” Association to recognize three Bobcats who have meant so much to their alma mater-congratulations again to Paul Borreson, Bob Hackney and Tim Staskus.



This spring we have dedicated March 5th and 6th as “T” Association weekend. On March 6th our men’s basketball team plays their final home game of the season, and we will recognize the accomplishments of the 1960 Men’s Basketball National Championship team as members of that special group will be invited back to campus for a 50-year reunion. Athletic Alumni events for that weekend are still being planned and invitations will be sent out this January.

In this issue we have attached our brand new jersey retirement nomination form which outlines our new University Policy. This will allow for letter winners to nominate potential candidates for jersey retirement to be reviewed by a University Committee and President’s Cabinet. This spring our “T” Association Board will meet to discuss several issues including recommendations for future member benefits. Several of our board members have also suggested a continued tailgate presence at all of our games for upcoming football seasons.

Thanks to all of our athletic alumni who have helped this past fall with the success of our events. The “T” Association is funded by our members, and without the help of everyone involved would not be able to accomplish our mission of perpetuating friendships amongst “T” Association members formed during their college years and continuing an open line of communication with our athletic alumni and the Athletics Department.

Sincerely,

Don Coryell

## Board Members

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Kyle Harrell

Darrell Hortness

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Jim Bob Jackson

Lloyd Little

Vernon McDonald

Reece Morrison

Stephen Smith

David Williams

Joddie Witte

**They Will Be Missed:  
We send our condolences to the family of  
Jim W. Herridge, class of 51', who passed away  
October 20, 2009**

# 2009 TAILGATING PHOTOS



Above: Bobcat athletic alumni and current student athletes enjoy the "T" Association tailgate lunch on the east side of Bobcat Stadium before the Sam Houston game on November 21st.



## 2009 "T" ASSOCIATION DONORS

We would like to thank all of our 2009 donors listed below.

This is our largest donor list to date, thank you to all of our athletic alumni who participated.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

To financially assist with any of our projects, please contact Don Coryell at (512) 245-2220, or at [DC32@txstate.edu](mailto:DC32@txstate.edu). To donate directly to the "T" Association, we have also included a donation form that can be mailed to Don Coryell in the Athletic Department.

Order Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TEXAS STATE T-ASSOCIATION DONATION FORM**  
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**Donation forms can be returned to the TEXAS STATE T-ASSOCIATION OFFICE**  
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